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News Advisory: TODAY: EPA Administrator Holding Media Call to Preview Public Hearings on Clean Power Plan

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TODAY: EPA Administrator Holding Media Call to Preview Public Hearings on Clean Power Plan

WASHINGTON – Today at 9 a.m. EDT, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy will discuss the importance of public input on the proposed <u>Clean Power Plan</u>. This week, there will be <u>four, two-day public hearings</u> in Washington D.C., Atlanta, Denver and Pittsburgh, to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule.

At the direction of President Obama and after an unprecedented outreach effort, EPA released the Clean Power Plan, which for the first time seeks to cut carbon pollution from existing power plants, the single largest source of carbon pollution in the United States. EPA predicts that when the proposed plan is fully implemented in 2030, carbon emissions from these sources will be 30 percent below 2005 levels. The proposal will protect public health, move the United States toward a cleaner environment and fight climate change while supplying Americans with reliable and affordable power.

EPA has received around 300,000 comments on the proposal, and anticipates hearing oral comments from about 1,600 people. Each location will have two rooms to accommodate attendees and as many speakers as possible. People can comment on the proposal by email, fax or letter: EPA considers all comments equally, no matter how they are submitted. The comment period on the proposal is open until October 16, 2014.

WHO: Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator

Janet McCabe, acting assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7

WHAT: Press conference call on proposed Clean Power Plan's public hearings

WHEN: Monday, July 28, 9 a.m. EDT

HOW: Members of the media interested in participating should dial in ten minutes prior to the beginning of the call at 8:50 a.m. Please call (877)-887-8949 and give the conference ID number 80151104. The name of the call is "Preview Call for the Clean Power Plan Hearings."

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News Advisory: EPA to Hold Public Hearings on Clean Power Plan

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EPA to Hold Public Hearings on Clean Power Plan
Public hearings being held in Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Denver and
Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON – Starting tomorrow, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold <u>four, two-day public hearings</u>, across the country on the proposed <u>Clean Power Plan</u>. The hearings will be held in Washington D.C., Atlanta, Denver and Pittsburgh, and will provide the opportunity for interested parties to comment on the proposed rule before it takes effect. The Washington D.C. hearing will be held on July 29 and 30.

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WHO: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

WHAT: Public hearing in Washington, D.C. on the proposed Clean Power Plan

WHEN: July 29-30, 2014

The hearings will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 8 p.m. EDT

WHERE: William Jefferson Clinton East Building, Room 1153

1201 Constitution Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20004

MEDIA RSVP: All media who would like to attend the public hearing in Washington, D.C. should **RSVP to** <u>press@epa.gov</u> by 5 p.m. EDT on July 28, so we can include your name on our security list. Please bring picture identification and allow additional time to enter the buildings and go through security. A large number of attendees are expected, and space will be first-come, first-serve.

Speaking schedules will be posted prior to the meeting. More information about the hearing closest to you as well as what constitutes valid photo identification for entering federal facilities. Staff will be available to accommodate interested attendees who need assistance with federal ID requirements:

http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/forms/public-hearings-clean-power-plan-proposed-rule

Instructions for submitting comments in writing: http://go.usa.gov/XzNH

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EPA News Release (Region 7): Two Kansas City Groups to Receive \$119,940 from EPA's Urban Waters Small Grants Program for Focus on Middle Blue River

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Two Kansas City Groups to Receive \$119,940 from EPA's Urban Waters Small Grants Program for Focus on Middle Blue River

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Environmental News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Lenexa, Kan., July 30, 2014) - Two non-profit organizations in Kansas City, Mo., have been selected to receive a total of \$119,940 in funding from EPA's Urban Waters Small Grants Program for projects focused on improving areas around the Middle Blue River through Jackson County, Mo., and part of Johnson County, Kan.

The separate grants to the Blue River Watershed Association and the Heartland Conservation Alliance, Inc., are part of \$2.1 million in funding that EPA is providing to 37 organizations in 17 states and Puerto Rico to help protect and restore urban waters, improve water quality, and support community revitalization and other local priorities.

The Blue River Watershed Association will receive \$59,940 to work with its partner agencies to create and engage eight teams of underserved community youth by involving them in water quality monitoring studies, data collection, and community presentations and projects. Each team will include a high school youth coordinator, an educator and a mentor who is a professional in the field of water quality, environmental stewardship, engineering, biology, or a similar field. Students will share their connection to the watershed with others through presentations and community projects designed by each team.

The Heartland Conservation Alliance, Inc., will receive \$60,000 to study 3,000 vacant lands in the Middle Blue River watershed for the purposes of identifying properties to redevelop with green infrastructure or low-impact development. This effort will build upon current work for developing an overall Blue River watershed restoration strategy. The goal of the project is to improve watershed health and community vitality.

EPA's Urban Waters Small Grants Program supports the Urban Waters Federal Partnership, a collaborative effort of 13 federal agencies working to reconnect urban communities with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and collaborating with community-led revitalization efforts. Established in 2011, the Urban Waters Federal Partnership initially focused on seven designated project areas in urban communities across the country. In May 2013, the Middle Blue River was one of 11 additional project areas added to the focus.

Many urban waterways have been polluted for years by sewage, runoff from city streets, and contamination from abandoned industrial facilities. Healthy and accessible urban waters can help grow local businesses and enhance economic, educational, recreational and social opportunities in nearby communities.

Learn more about EPA's Urban Waters Program

Learn more about efforts to revitalize the Middle Blue River

Learn more about the Blue River Watershed Association

Learn more about the Heartland Conservation Alliance, Inc.

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EPA News Release (Region 7): Settlement of Clean Water Act Violations Aims to Prevent Future Oil Spills by Archer Daniels Midland Company

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Environmental News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Lenexa, Kan., July 30, 2014) - Archer Daniels Midland Company, a food processing and commodities trading company headquartered in Decatur, III., has agreed to settle allegations that it violated the Clean Water Act (CWA) at five different large oil storage facilities located in Cedar Rapids, lowa; Columbus, Neb.; Des Moines, Iowa; Mexico, Mo.; and Deerfield, Mo.

Through the settlement with EPA Region 7, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) will also pay a civil penalty of \$430,000 to the United States.

The Clean Water Act requires facilities that store large quantities of oil to develop response plans that outline procedures for addressing "worst-case" discharges of oil. By being prepared and by conducting required response drills, facilities are better situated to prevent environmental harm from such releases. Each of the five ADM facilities produces and stores more than 1 million gallons of oil. Combined, the five facilities have a total estimated storage capacity of more than 36 million gallons.

"Large oil storage facilities are required to have proper spill prevention and response plans in order to comply with the Clean Water Act," said Karl Brooks, EPA Region 7 administrator. "The penalty imposed reflects the serious nature of noncompliance with these important requirements. By coming into compliance with the law, ADM is now better prepared to respond to spills that can harm the environment. Proper preparation for spills and emergencies can help avoid large-scale environmental disasters. We call upon other companies to do the same."

EPA identified the lack of a response plan during a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) inspection in 2008 at ADM's Cedar Rapids, Iowa, facility. The facility required a Facility Response Plan (FRP) because the storage capacity of its denatured ethanol tanks exceeded one million gallons. ADM committed to develop and submit an FRP, but failed to do so for the Cedar Rapids facility and three additional facilities until almost two years later in 2010. ADM's Deerfield, Mo., facility also operated for a period in 2011 and 2012 without a required updated FRP.

The settlement resolves these violations by ADM of the FRP requirements of the CWA.

The settlement also resolves violations of the industrial stormwater requirements of three CWA operating permits issued to ADM for the Cedar Rapids, Columbus, and Deerfield facilities. The violations included ADM's failure to implement best management practices at its facilities, failure to conduct and record site inspections, exceedances of permitted effluent limits, and unauthorized discharges of non-stormwater to waters of the United States in violation of the facilities' CWA permits.

In addition to the payment of the \$430,000 penalty, in order to document future compliance with the CWA, the settlement requires that ADM report on the implementation of the FRP program and the applicable industrial stormwater permits at the referenced facilities for three years.

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Media Advisory: CEQ, EPA, GSA, and USPS Leaders to Discuss Sustainable Electronics

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 31, 2014

WASHINGTON – Leaders from the White House Council on Environmental Quality, U.S. EPA, GSA, and U.S. Postal Service, along with electronics industry stakeholders, will hold a meeting on Monday, August 4, 2014 to discuss progress on the National Strategy on Electronics Stewardship and participation in the U.S. Postal Service

BlueEarth® Federal Recycling Program.

Following President Obama's 2010 call for a taskforce on electronics stewardship, Federal agencies, in collaboration with other country's governments, academia and the electronics industry, started a collaborative effort to establish a sustainable electronics stewardship strategy. Involved federal agencies have achieved many of the goals set out in the 2011 National Strategy for Electronics Stewardship. These accomplishments are outlined in a document released today: *Moving Sustainable Electronics Forward: An Update to the National Strategy for Electronics Stewardship.*

The U.S. Postal Service BlueEarth® Federal Recycling Program is available to participating federal agencies and their employees to send used electronics through the mail to a certified electronics recycler at no cost to the agencies. In 2013, approximately 973,000 federal employees and contractors were eligible to participate in the USPS BlueEarth® Federal Recycling Program. With the recent participation of additional agencies, the program may now reach a potential of more than 1.7 million eligible federal employees and contractors.

WHO:

Kate Brandt, Federal Environmental Executive, White House Council on Environmental Quality

Lisa Feldt, Associate Deputy Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Kevin Kampschroer, Deputy Senior Sustainability Official, U.S. General Services Administration

Tom Day, Chief Sustainability Officer, U.S. Postal Service

WHAT: National Strategy on Electronics Stewardship Accomplishments

WHERE: U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, Ben Franklin Room, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington D.C.

WHEN: Monday August 4, 2014, 10:00am EDT

HOW: To participate, RSVP to <u>Sarah.A.Ninivaggi@usps.gov</u> by 5pm EDT August 1, 2014. Due to security procedures, only media attendees that have sent an RSVP will be admitted into the event.

This event coincides with the release of *Moving Sustainable Electronics Forward: An Update to the National Strategy for Electronics Stewardship*, available online at: www.epa.gov/electronicsstrategy

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EPA News Release (Region 7): Final Report on Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex Shows Facility is Suitable for Public Use; No Further Action Needed

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Environmental News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Lenexa, Kan., July 31, 2014) - A final comprehensive report of scientific surface gamma radiation screening and soil sampling of the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex (BMAC) in Bridgeton, Mo., shows the facility is suitable for public use and requires no further environmental response, EPA Region 7 announced today.

"Local residents and visitors can be assured that a thorough scientific survey and review process has confirmed that the public can continue to gather and play at BMAC, and that no additional environmental action is warranted for this facility," EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks said.

EPA announced on May 9, 2014, that it would conduct the BMAC investigation in response to citizen concerns. The survey, which was conducted from May 19 to May 23, involved a surface screening for gross gamma radiation detection, which included analysis of data collected from more than 58,000 surface points, and the collection and analysis of more than 100 surface soil samples.

To help determine if any detections of radiation at BMAC were consistent with those found naturally in the area's environment, EPA conducted soil sampling at nearby Koch and Blanchette parks. Analysis of soils sampled at BMAC was consistent with soils at the parks.

Samples of surface soils at BMAC were collected from infield areas, outfield areas, grassy areas outside of playing fields, and from drainage areas. EPA also worked with the community group that screened areas of the complex earlier this year to identify the areas where they collected soil samples, so that EPA could collect soil samples from the same locations.

All of EPA's collected soil samples were sent to a certified laboratory for analysis. The samples were checked for a range of radionuclides, including Thorium-230, Uranium-238, Radium-226, Lead-210, and others. The final report noted no detections at levels of concern to human health.

Full text of the final BMAC survey report is available for review on EPA Region 7's website at www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/west_lake_landfill/pdf/bridgeton-final-pre-cerclis-screening-report-bmac.pdf.

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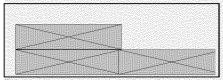
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